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SUBJ: REACTION TO CAMPORA ELECTORAL VICTORY

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1. GENERAL REACTION IN BRAZIL TO CAMPORA VICTORY HAS BEEN
ONE OF PUBLIC WARINESS AND PRIVATE DISMAY. GOB SPOKESMEN,
OF COURSE, HAVE REFRAINED FROM MAKING PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS,
ONLY ACKNOWLEDGING RESULTS AND STATING ELECTIONS ARE
" INTERNAL MATTER OF ARGENTINA." PRIVATELY, HOWEVER, GOV-
ERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED OVER RESULTS BECAUSE
THEY FEAR POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES FOR BRAZIL OF A CAMPORA
" PERONIST" GOVERNMENT IN ARGENTINA. BRAZILIANS ARE FEARFUL
OF CAMPORA CAMPAIGN PLATFORM CALLING FOR REVOCATION OF
SETE QUEDAS AGREEMENT REACHED LAST YEAR AT UNGA BETWEEN
BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA. ALSO, A CAMPORA REGIME MIGHT LEAD
ARGENTINA TO THE ANDEAN PACT WHICH BRAZIL SEES AS A DEVELOP-
MENT INIMICAL TO HER INTERESTS. THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT,
ESPECIALLY THE ARMED FORCES, IS ALSO VERY CONCERNED OVER
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SECURITY ASPECTS OF A CAMPORA ADMINISTRATION, BELIEVING ARGENTINA MIGHT FACILITATE SUBVERSIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST NOT ONLY BRAZIL BUT HER SMALL NEIGHBORS SUCH AS BOLIVIA AND URUGUAY. ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF HAS GONE SO FAR AS TO DUST OFF CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR INVADING ARGENTINA, ALTHOUGH EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE IS NO LIKELIHOOD SUCH PLANS WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED.

2. PUBLIC REACTION IN CONGRESS HAS BEEN RATHER FAVORABLE. HOWEVER, CONGRESSIONAL SPOKESMEN HAVE EMPHASIZED APPROVAL FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS IN RETURNING ARGENTINA TO DEMOCRACY AFTER YEARS OF MILITARY CHAOS RATHER THAN APPROVAL OF THE CAMPORA VICTORY ITSELF.

3. PRESS REACTION HAS ALSO GENERALLY BEEN ALONG THESE SAME LINES. WHILE POINTING TO POSSIBLE DANGER AREAS IN BRAZIL- ARGENTINE RELATIONS, PRESS HAS CALLED FOR REALISM FROM BOTH SIDES IN DEALING WITH PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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